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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: "Anti-Terrorism Czar" - March 27, 1985 Conversation
With Tom Smeeton

1. On 27 March 1985, I spoke with Tom Smeeton, Minority Staff, House Foreign Affairs Committee (HFAC). He stated that he had raised the points I had made about the "anti-terrorism czar" with the two staff members who had originated the proposal: Bob Boyer, Majority Staff, and Bob Jenkins, Minority Staff.

2. Despite the points, however, both individuals remained committed to the idea of an "anti-terrorism czar". The only provision they would be willing to modify was the reporting requirement: they would not require the reports going to HFAC and the Senate Foreign Relations Committee to contain detailed intelligence information.

3. Both individuals and Mr. Smeeton were meeting on March 28th with the House legislative counsel to revise the proposal. When Mr. Smeeton was able to obtain a copy of the proposal, as revised, he would provide me with a copy.

4. I repeated what I had said earlier but indicated we would wait until receipt of the revised proposal before determining how to proceed.

5. Mr. Smeeton further indicated that markup of the bill into which the proposal was to be inserted had been postponed until Tuesday, 2 April 1985.

6. In a subsequent conversation, Georffy Swartz of the State Department indicated that he was unaware of this proposal. He indicated he would look into the matter and get back in touch with me if he was able to find anything. Both he and I noted, however, that the foreign aid authorization bill (to which this proposal was to be appended), had not passed in the last three years. He further noted that this year's bill was weighed down, even more than the previous year's bills, with lengthy, non-germane, and objectionable provisions.

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